

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of stabilizing an ascorbyl (poly) phosphate against degradation by phosphatases which ~~comprises~~consists of coating said ascorbyl (poly)phosphate with a lipid.
2. (original) A method as in claim 1 wherein the ascorbyl (poly)phosphate salt is trisodium ascorbyl- 2-monophosphate, or sodium calcium ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate.
3. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1 wherein the lipid is a wax or plant oil.
4. (previously presented) A method ~~as in claim 1 of stabilizing an ascorbyl (poly) phosphate against degradation by phosphatases which consists of coating said ascorbyl (poly)phosphate with a lipid~~ wherein an adsorbant is additionally present.
5. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein the amount of ascorbyl (poly) phosphate is such to provide between about wt. 5 % to about 40 wt. -% ascorbic acid equivalents.
6. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1 wherein the amount of lipid is about 10 wt. -% to about 60 wt. -%, based on the total weight of the composition.
7. (currently amended) A method as in claim ~~1~~4 wherein an adsorbant is present in an amount of about 0.5 wt. -% to about 5 wt. -%, based on the total weight of the composition.
8. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1 wherein a granulate having an average mean particle size of about 0.1 to about 1.0 mm is prepared.
9. (currently amended) A Granulate compositions comprising granulate composition consisting of trisodium L-ascorbyl-2-monophosphate or sodium calcium L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate or mixtures thereof, and a lipid.
10. (original) Granulate compositions as in claim 9 wherein the lipid is a wax or plant oil.

11. (previously presented) Granulate compositions as in claim 9 wherein the amount of trisodium L- ascorbyl-2-monophosphate or sodium calcium L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate in the granulate is such to provide between about 5-% to about 40 wt. %, ascorbic acid equivalents.

12. (previously presented) Granulate compositions as in claim 9 wherein the amount of lipid is about 10 wt. % to about 60 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

13. (currently amended) ~~Granulate compositions as in claim 9 wherein the amount of A granulate composition consisting of trisodium L-ascorbyl-2-monophosphate or sodium calcium L-ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate or mixtures thereof, and a lipid and an adsorbant[[, if]]are present[[, is]]in an amount of~~ about 0.5 wt. % to about 5 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

14. (previously presented) Granulate compositions as in claim 9 wherein the granulate has a mean particle size of about 0.1 to about 1.0 mm.

15. (previously presented) Animal feed and feed premixes containing a granulate composition as claimed in claim 9.

16. (original) Animal feed and feed premixes as in claim 15 for ruminants.